Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE Soloist, Lew Shock *"Amazing Grace"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has called us to this place. What do you see?
We see people who model for us God's joyous embrace of all people.
God has brought us to this place. What do you hear?
We hear God's hope that we are able to see each person as our sister or brother.
God has challenged us to open our lives and hearts to others. What will you do?
We will do only one thing: welcome everyone in God's name!

—*by Rev. Thom Schuman, Presbyterian Church, USA*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

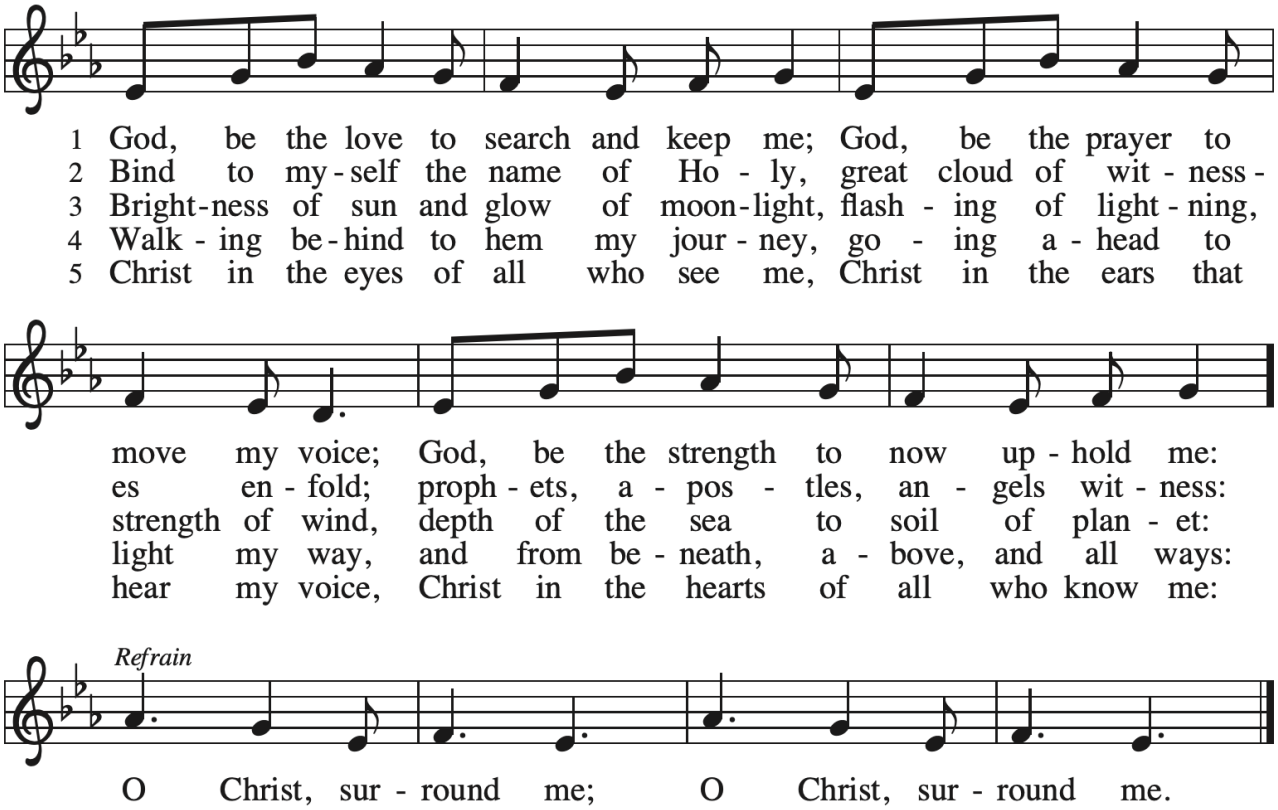
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,
C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ACS 1084

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"



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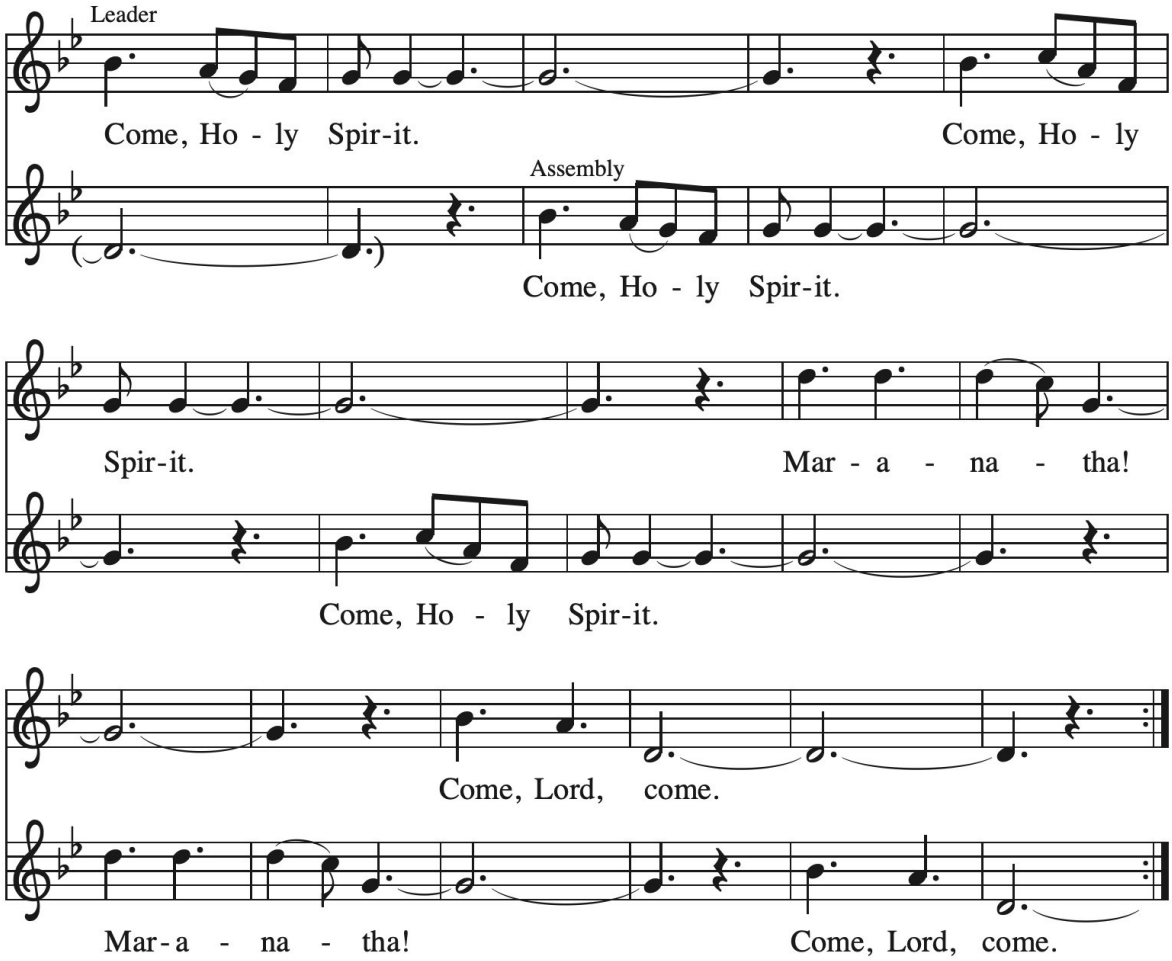
GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

KYRIE *Come, Holy Spirit* ELW/ACS 940



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

A: A reading from Genesis.

1 The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance
of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He looked up and saw three men standing near
him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed
down to the ground. 3 He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by
your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves
under the tree. 5 Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and
after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do
as you have said." 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make
ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." 7 Abraham
ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who
hastened to prepare it. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had
prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they
ate.
9 They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the
tent." 10a Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife
Sarah shall have a son."

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15

LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)

P: 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
C: 2 Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart;
P: 3 they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
C: 4 In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.
P: 5 They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

A: A reading from Colossians.

15 [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, 16 for
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created
through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things
hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the
firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in
everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and
through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth
or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.
21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he
has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and
blameless and irreproachable before him, 23 provided that you continue securely
established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by
the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under

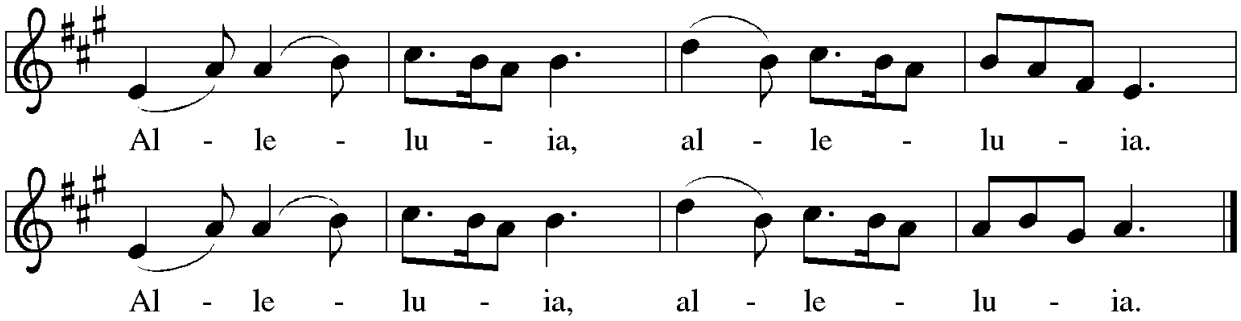
heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

[24] I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am
completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is,
the church. [25] I became its minister according to God's commission that was given
to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, [26] the mystery that has been
hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his
saints. [27] To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the
riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. [28] It is
he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so
that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

P: The Gospel according to Luke.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[38] Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village
where a woman named Martha welcomed him. [39] She had a sister named Mary,
who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. [40] But Martha was
distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care

that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." [41] But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, [42] but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

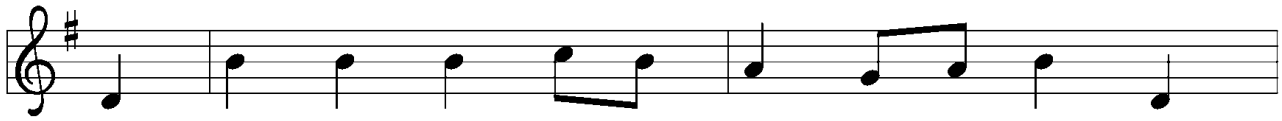
A special message for children.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

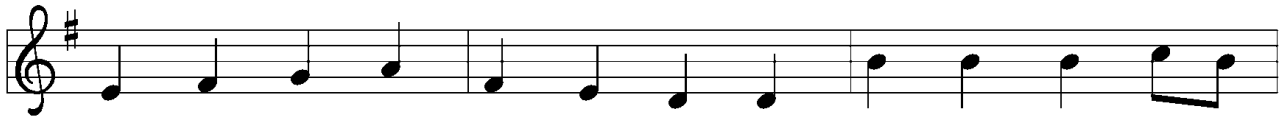
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY — ELW 676

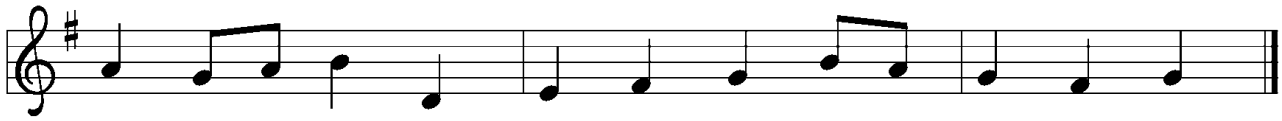
"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y•a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

A: Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair especially John, Mary, Vicki, Barb, Steve, Dawn, Elizabeth, Sandy, and all those effected by the floods in Texas. Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

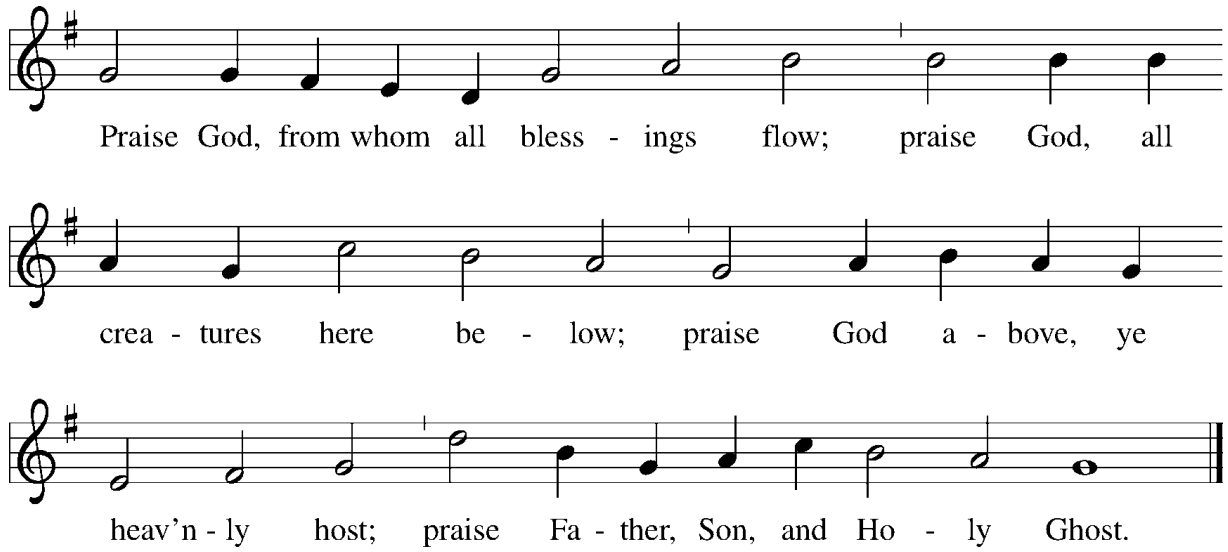
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

C: Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

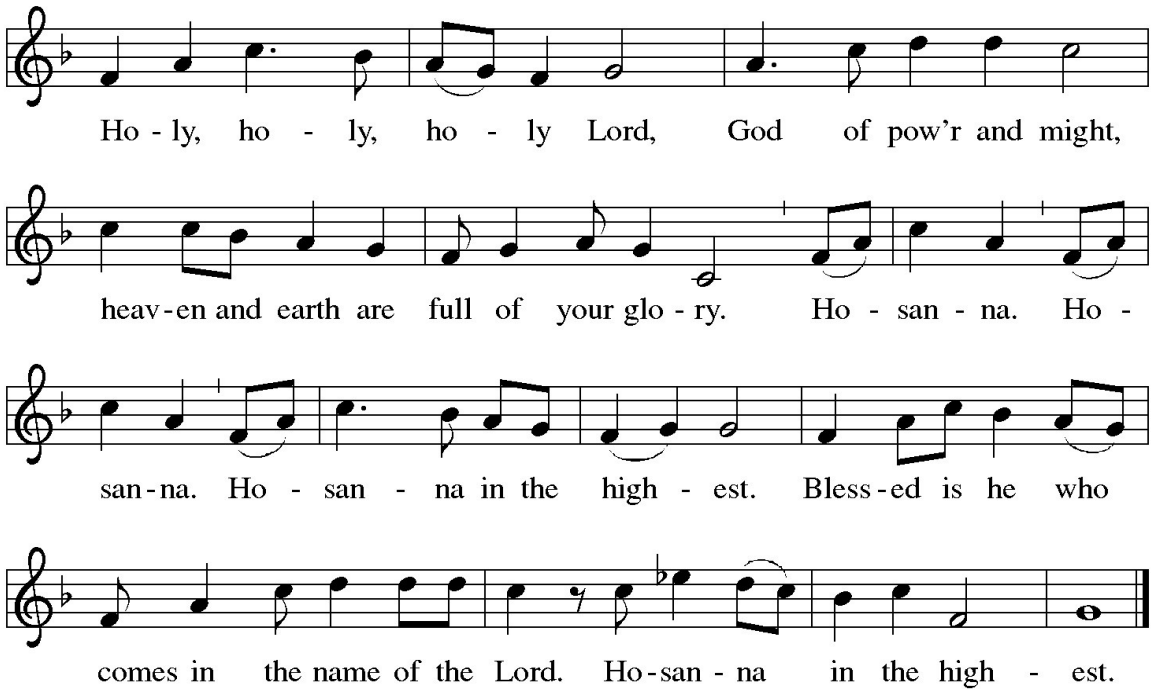
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh,
Power of the Most High, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

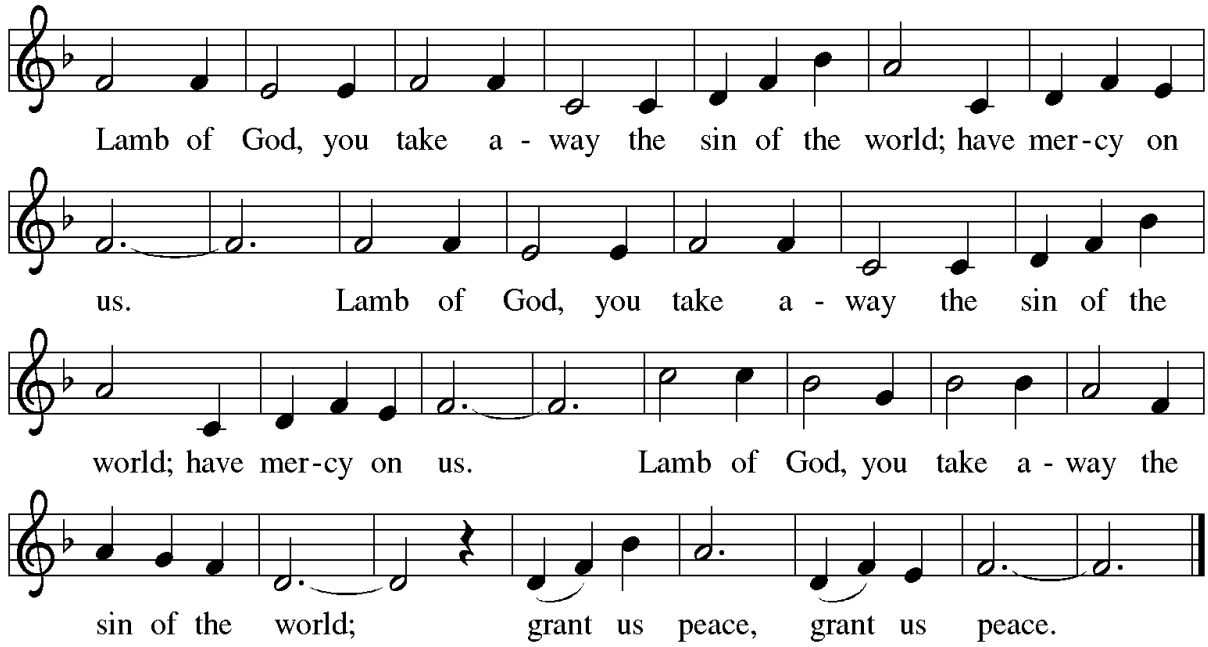
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN - *"I'll Fly Away"*

Some bright morning when this life is over, I'll fly away
To that home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away

(Chorus)
I'll fly away, oh glory,
I'll fly away (in the morning),
When I die hallelujah by and by,
I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly, I'll fly away

Oh how glad and happy when we meet, I'll fly away
No more cold iron shackles on my feet, I'll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away
To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away

I'll Fly Away (1929/1932) by Albert E. Brumley

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING LITANY

God sends us from this place, with our eyes wide open.
May we see all who hope for healing and for justice.
Jesus calls us to leave this place to go to listen.
We will hear the cries of those ignored by the world;
we will open ourselves to the anguish of those around us.
The Spirit challenges us to welcome everyone as our sister and brother.
May we offer our lives and hearts to all we meet.

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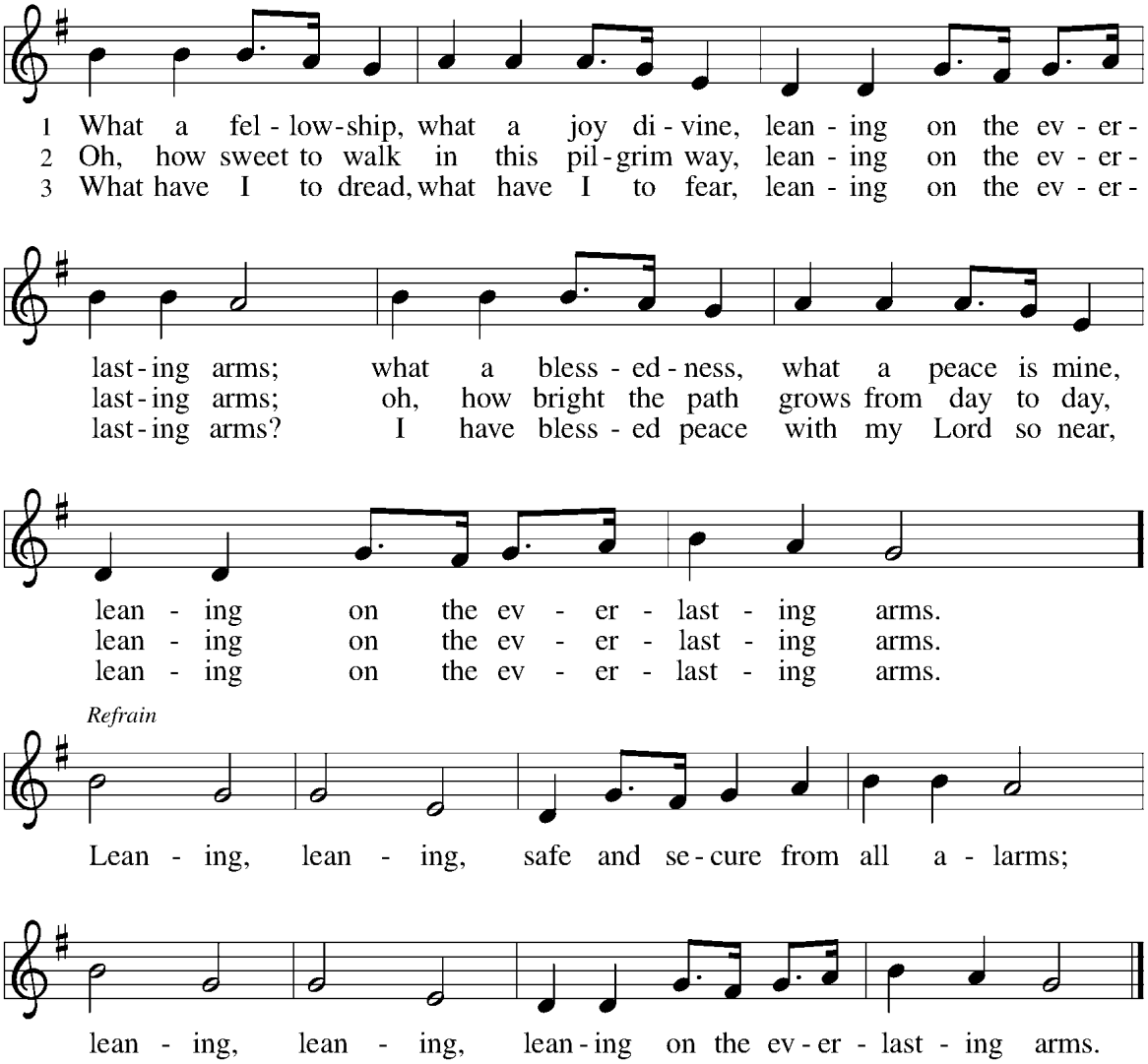
SENDING HYMN ELW 774

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"



Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929
Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground," located at the front of the church, was established as a positive, welcoming experience for children in church. Many churches have begun using this feature, which gives small children a space to squirm, quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Parents may want to sit nearby to accompany children, but don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones! We encourage everyone with little ones to give this a try.

Prayers requested for: John, Mary, Vicki, Barb, Steve, Dawn, Elizabeth, Sandy, and all those effected by the floods in Texas.

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